



**Fall
2025**

Community Meeting Voting Guide

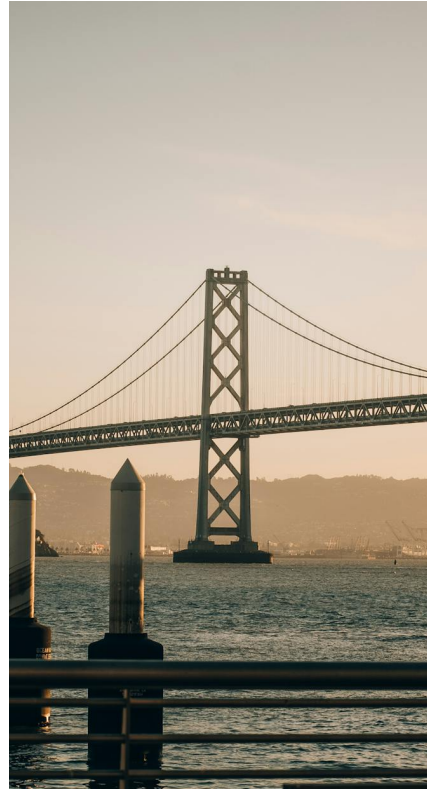




Introduction

Per the EveryOne Home Governance Charter, the general membership must vote on specific items. The general membership is defined as anyone involved in or interested in homelessness response and services in Alameda County. Everyone in attendance at the Fall Community Meeting will be considered the general membership.

At the November 18th, 2025 Fall Community Meeting, all attendees present in-person and via Zoom will have the opportunity to vote on the following items:



- **ITEM 1: Revision to the Governance Charter: Sunsetting the Youth Committee**
- **ITEM 2: Revision to the Governance Charter: Sunsetting the Housing Capacity Committee**

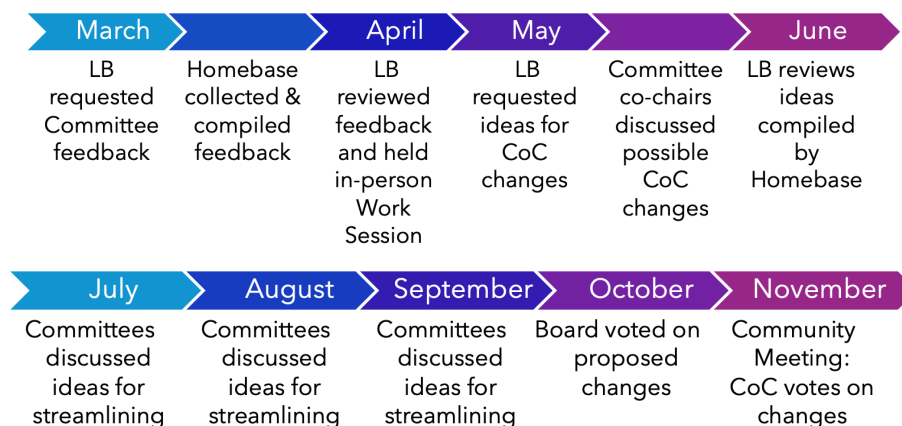
The following pages explain the background, rationale, and proposed revisions in more detail.

Background

In March 2025, the Leadership Board initiated a process to obtain feedback from the CoC and strategize about potential changes to CoC structure and operations. The following goals were identified (*the bolded goals most align with today's votes*):

- Reduce confusion about the respective roles and responsibilities of the Leadership Board and CoC Committees
- Ensure transparency across committees/the CoC as a whole
- **Ensure accountability of committees and their members**
- **Eliminate or at least reduce duplication of efforts across committees**
- **Improve efficiency across committees**
- **Facilitate a more action-oriented structure while still maintaining space for collaboration, inclusiveness, and intentionality**
- Improve support for Committee members with lived experience or expertise of homelessness to ensure meaningful participation
- **Improve strategic CoC spending (e.g., a consolidation of committees would allow Homebase to increase support for people with lived experience and to provide subject matter expertise more intentionally)**

The process has been as follows:



The result of the process was that 2 committees were identified for sunseting and 2 additional committees (HMIS and System Impact) were identified to meet less frequently and coordinate with each other as they had complementary purposes. **Only the sunseting of Committees required approvals from the Board and now the Continuum of Care general membership.**

The last step of the process is to vote on the proposed revisions on the November 18th Community Meeting. Everyone in attendance is able to vote.

1. ITEM 1: Revision to the Governance Charter: Sunsetting the Youth Committee

Background

According to pages 23-24 of the EveryOne Home Governance Charter, "The Purpose of the Youth Committee will be to align goals and develop shared strategies and collaborative practices across systems, agencies, programming and funding streams that work to prevent and end youth homelessness. The committee will act as a collaborative table bringing together transitional age youth with lived experience of homelessness, youth service providers, county and city government representatives, and other stakeholders to build a coordinated response to youth homelessness."

The Youth Committee discussed their work as well as the work of the Alameda County Youth Advisory Board (YAB) throughout several Youth Committee meetings and co-chair meetings during the spring and summer of 2025. You can read the minutes from multiple meetings [here](#). The co-chairs and Committee members reached consensus about sunsetting the Committee with a recommended transition plan, outlined on page 5 of this document.

Rationale for Sunsetting

- The Youth Committee's work is duplicative of that being done by the Youth Advisory Board (YAB).
- The Youth Committee was initially intended to include service providers along with youth and was charged with being a collaborative table to discuss issues impacting youth. However, the Youth Committee has not been able to retain service provider engagement. Alameda County Health, Housing and Homelessness has mechanisms in place for YAB to collaborate with adult providers.
- Majority of youth members on the Committee are also YAB members.
- There are no other Committees for specific sub-populations and the current structure siloes youth voice.

Transition Plan

The Committee is proposing a designated seat for youth (aged 18-28*) with lived experience of homelessness on remaining Committees to ensure youth voice is present in the CoC. The Youth Committee members, YAB, and Homebase are working together to develop training materials for youth to feel empowered in other Committees. They are also developing materials to train adults on how to best engage youth.

Homebase will support adult members in the Committee in finding other ways to engage in the CoC as non-voting members or other engagement in Alameda County.

Proposed Revision

Sunset Youth Committee, remove references to it from the Governance Charter, and designate a youth with lived experience seat on all remaining Committees.

Delete the footnote on page 23 from the Governance Charter. Add the following language to Section 3.D. (Committees, subcommittees, Workgroups, and Advisory Councils – Committee and subcommittee Member selection, Terms, and Vacancies):

- All committees are suggested to have between 8-15 members, at least one of whom should be a youth (aged 18-28) with lived experience of homelessness, from the Youth Advisory Board or elsewhere.

During the October 16th Leadership Board Meeting, the Leadership Board approved the proposed revision.

Voting **YES** means you are in favor of the proposed change to sunset the Youth Committee, remove all references to it from the Governance Charter, and designate a youth with lived experience seat on all remaining Committees.

Voting **NO** would mean you are not in favor of the proposed change to sunset the Youth Committee.

2. ITEM 2: Revision to the Governance Charter: Sunsetting the Housing Capacity Committee

Background

According to page 20 of the EveryOne Home Governance Charter, "The purpose of the Housing Capacity Committee is to support expansion of the supply of permanent supportive and dedicated affordable housing opportunities available to people experiencing homelessness in Alameda County. To achieve these ambitious goals the group will advocate that funding should be targeted to housing dedicated to households at 10% or less of Area Median Income (AMI), coordinate funding, track units apart from and in HMIS, coordinate with housing authority resources, and plan proactively for funding and expansion."

During the September 17th Housing Capacity Committee, the Housing Capacity Committee voted to sunset. In addition to sunsetting, the Committee recommended that committee members are welcomed into other committees and have an opportunity to continue participating. The Committee also lifted up the value of the educational, collaborative, communication, and connection work that the Committee engaged in, and called attention to a housing provider survey project. You can read the minutes here or on page 7 of this document.

Rationale for Sunsetting

- Other agencies and organizations can continue the work as the CoC has not been most effective home for the Housing Capacity Chartered Purpose.
- The Committee has been focused on training and education which can be referred elsewhere.

Minutes of the Housing Capacity Committee 9.17.25

- Committee members introduced themselves and welcomed newcomers.
- There were no edits to the August 20 Meeting Minutes.
- We held the Evidence Based Solutions Committee report pending arrival of the liaison.
- Morgan invited everyone to the Fall Community Meeting on Tuesday, November 18 at the California Endowment, 2000 Franklin St. Time TBA.
- **We moved to the primary order of business, the future of this committee.** Sharon Cornu, CoChair, presented the Co-Chairs' recommendation that the Committee sunset and transfer people to other parts of the Continuum of Care. She referred to the Spring Community Meeting directive to reduce bureaucracy and respect people's time with fewer meetings and getting more done. She said the Committee should be proud of three accomplishments:
 - **Survey of Housing Providers** (landlords and property owners) for better education and outreach, and the capacity of the County's five Housing Authorities to improve understanding and accessibility
 - **Comments on Housing & Community Development's Ten-Year Plan**
 - **Education and Training**, like the good work by John Lo and his Housing 101 PowerPoint
- John Lo, Co-Chair, recommended sunsetting to preserve time and spread work to other Committees where appropriate. He noted decreased attendance as an indication of interest, and the difficulty of rental housing inventories as a volunteer project – it needs to be staffed. He reinforced the value of collaboration and having space for getting to know each other.
- Committee members said the Committee was meaningful for the **opportunity to connect and collaborate across silos, including people with lived experience and various jurisdictions** (both between jurisdictions and inside jurisdictions, which are often siloed.)
- Committee members noted the **difficulty of building new units, highlighting accessibility; sunsetting this space so that work can be taken up elsewhere; and being better fortified to increase prevention efforts.** Committee members appreciated each other's contributions and noted the loss of a space for connection and collaboration.
- Committee members prioritized the inclusion of members in the Continuum of Care through other committees, Community Meetings, and the possibility of regular forums and discussion, like the Learning Community, which is open to all.
- Committee members requested that John Lo provide quarterly or regular educational opportunities to the Continuum of Care generally.
- **Motion was made, seconded, and passed with one abstention to sunset the Housing Capacity Committee** with a requirement that members are welcomed into other committees; that the survey of Housing providers continues; and that educational and collaborative work expands.

Transition Plan

- Identify where tasks such as the Housing Provider education and Housing Production best fit - inside or outside the Continuum of Care
- Collaborate with partners like East Bay Housing Organization, the newly formed Nonprofit Alliance of Homelessness and Housing Providers, or other organizations engaged in housing development
- Committee members that would like to stay engaged in the Continuum of Care will work with Homebase to identify opportunities on remaining Committees

Proposed Revision

Sunset the Housing Capacity Committee, remove references to it from the Governance Charter.

During the October 16th Leadership Board Meeting, the Leadership Board approved the proposed revision.

Voting **YES** means you are in favor of the proposed change to sunset the Housing Capacity Committee and remove all references to it from the Governance Charter.

Voting **NO** would mean you are not in favor of the proposed change to sunset the Housing Capacity Committee.